

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 4 beginning at line 4 as follows:

A reagent vessel 20 is shown in more detail in Figures 2a and 2b. The reagent vessel is made in four parts, a combined reservoir 20a and optional integral finger grip or handle 21; a filter 22; a closure means in the form of a one way PVP valve of the type colloquially known as "ducks bum valve" 24, but which in other embodiments may be replaced by a septum or other closure means) and an annular foot portion 26 which is circular in plan view. The reservoir 20a and integral finger grip and the foot portion 26 are made of a ~~plastics~~ plastic material and the parts ~~re~~ are ultrasonically welded together capturing the valve 24 and filter 22 therebetween.

Please amend the paragraph on page 5 beginning at line 14 as follows:

The lower part of the secondary filter assembly defines a bore in fluid communication with the aperture 56. The bore has a first diameter and a second relatively narrower diameter 58 which is threaded. A piezoelectric dispensing tube may be threaded into the narrow diameter bore 58. A standard piezoelectric dispensing tube 70 comprising a glass tube which defines a narrow through bore or capillary surrounded by a ceramic PZT material collar 72 which expands and contracts under the influence of a changing electric potential applied to the collar is used. The tube 70 secondary filter holder 50 and reagent vessel 20 are assembled together as shown in Figure 3a-3. Liquid for dispensing is put in the reservoir/reagent vessel through the open upper end of the reservoir. If the reagent vessel contains liquid at the time the three components are assembled, the secondary filter should be attached to the tube 70 before being attached to the reagent vessel otherwise the valve 24 will open and leak.